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SUBJECT: GOC PROTESTS WASHINGTON ACTIVITIES OF TURKISH CYPRIOT  
IV GRANTEE TANSEL FIKRI

1. ON MAY 26 AND AGAIN MAY 27, GOC FONMIN CHRISTOPHIDES COMPLAINED STRONGLY TO AMBASSADOR REGARDING WASHINGTON ACTIVITIES OF TURKISH CYPRIOT IV GRANTEE TANSEL FIKRI. CHRISTOPHIDES DID NOT TAKE ISSUE WITH EMBASSY'S LONGSTANDING PRACTICE OF INCLUDING INFLUENTIAL TURKISH CYPRIOTS AS WELL AS GREEK CYPRIOTS IN IV PROGRAM WITHOUT REGARD TO TITLES UNRECOGNIZED AND UNACCEPTABLE TO GOC. BUT CHRISTOPHIDES, ON BASIS OF REPORTS FROM CYPRUS EMBASSY, ARGUED THAT FIKRI HAS ABUSED HIS GRANT BY INORDINATELY LONG STAY IN WASHINGTON, BY BLATANT LOBBYING TO DATE AND MORE TO COME, AND BY MAKING PUBLIC STATEMENTS ATTACKING GOC.

2. COMMENT: WE GENERALLY TURN A DEAF EAR TO GOC COMPLAINTS ABOUT OUR INCLUSION OF TURKISH CYPRIOTS IN IV PROGRAM, BUT IN THIS CASE WE THINK CHRISTOPHIDES HAS A POINT. GREEK CYPRIOT GRANTEES HAVE ALSO USED WASHINGTON PORTION OF THEIR VISITS TO CALL ON MEMBERS OF CONGRESS, BUT THEY HAVE BEEN GENERALLY MORE DISCREET THAN FIKRI HAS APPARENTLY BEEN. WE THINK IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE FOR DEPT TO SAY A WORD TO FIKRI ON THIS, POINTING OUT THE ESSENTIAL PURPOSE OF AN IV GRANT IS TO FAMILIARIZE THE GRANTEE WITH THE US, NOT TO SERVE PARTICULARISTIC POLITICAL OBJECTIVES.

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